(d) how many cases of bird hit flights came to notice of Government in the last two years in the country airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. The bird hit incidents are showing a decreasing trend.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two incidents of bird hit involving aircraft of M/s. Jet Airways were reported from Nagpur on 15.10.2007 and Jaipur on 16.10.2007 respectively.

(c) Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs and scaring and shooting of birds etc.

(d) A total of 350 bird hit cases were reported during the last two years (2005-06). The airport-wise break-up is as under:—

Agartala-1, Ahmedabad-30, Amritsar-2, Balurghat-1, Bangalore-26, Baroda-2, Bhavnagar-1, Bhopal-1, Bhubaneswar-1, Bhuj-1, Mumbai-60, Kolkata-17, Calicut-3, Coimbatore-2, Cochin-4, Delhi-61, Guwahati-4, Goa-10, Hyderabad-35, Indore-2, Jaipur-19, Jammu-1, Jodhpur-2, Jorhat-1, Khajuraho-1, Lucknow-3, Chennai-25, Mangalore-2, Madurai-1, Nagpur-4, Pune-6, Raipur-1, Rajkot-4, Ranchi-1, Trichi-3, Trivandrum-1, Udaipur-2, Vadodara-1, Varanasi-2, Vizag-1, Vijayawada-3, Diu-2.

Bird-hit incidents at Mumbai Airport

170. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai have logged more bird-hits than any other airport in the country;

(b) if so, how many cases have been registered in last three years;

(c) what are the financial loses Government have suffered during the last three years; and

(d) what action Government had taken/proposed to take to prevent this Bird-hit incidents particularly at Mumbai Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last three years a total of 86 bird hit incidents have been registered at Mumbai airport.

(c) Government does not maintain record of losses suffered by airlines due to bird hit incidents.

(d) Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment. Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports. Such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs and scaring and shooting of birds etc. At Mumbai airport, regular joint inspection of the areas around the airport and deployment of Watch and Ward staff during the aircraft operations are also done.